GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Registration and Stamps Department - Adverse News published in Sakshi newspaper on 12.07.2021 against Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore regarding Prohibited land Registration in Nellore registration district - Preliminary Enquiry Officer appointed - Report Submitted - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri K.Abraham DIG (R&S), Nellore for submitting the Preliminary Enquiry officer's report, without scrutiny and verification, under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.444 Dated:17-06-2022

Read the following:

1. C&IG Lr.No.Vig.3/X1/5407/2021, dated.25.09.2021.
2. Govt., Memo No.REV01-REGSOCIRV/19/2021-VIG-II, Rev (Vig-II) Dept., dt.21.12.2021.
3. G.O.Ms.No.459, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated 17.06.2022.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and Appeal) Rules.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. *(with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).*

The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.ABRAHAM, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF REGISTRATION AND STAMPS, NELLORE.

Charge-I :

That the said Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore has committed grave misconduct in as much as he, vide his letter dated:6.9.2021, submitted, without scrutiny and verification, the preliminary enquiry report dated:6.8.2021 of the District Registrar, Nellore, on the allegations levelled in the adverse news published in Sakshi newspaper on 12.07.2021 against Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore regarding prohibited land registrations in Nellore Registration District.

Thus, by the above mentioned acts, Sri K.Abraham, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore has shown lack of integrity, discipline and devotion towards duty and thereby contravened Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.ABRAHAM, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF REGISTRATION AND STAMPS, NELLORE.

BASIS OF CHARGES :

The news item highlighted registration of certain Government lands by the Joint Sub Registrar, R.O.Nellore. On visit of Joint Inspector General-I and on scrutiny of records of Deputy Inspector General, Nellore and District Registrar, Nellore the following omissions have been noticed and reported:

1. Doct.No:4191/2020 of R.O, Nellore:- The Government land registered in Sy.No:108/3 of Ambapuram Village, Nellore Rural Mandal.
2. Survey No:2066/2B1:- Registration of Government land in Sy.No.2066/2B1: On verification of 22(A) list provided by Deputy Inspector General, Nellore, the Sy.No:2066/2 is not there in the list. Since the matter was brought to the notice through media, the list of Sy. Nos of the village were verified through "MEE BHOOMI" web site. It is found that Sy.No:2066/2B1 with an extent of Ac 2.50 Cents is there in the "ADANGAL" and it is classified as Government land. The extent is Ac 2.50 Cents which *tallies with the news item.* On verification of Encumbrance Data, 39 documents were found to be registered and no report was submitted so far, either by Deputy Inspector General or District Registrar. No action initiated, even though both of them are aware of the adverse News item.
3. Doct. No: 10854/2019, 10864/2019, 10529/2019 of R.O. Nellore: The scheduled property of these documents are in prohibited list and no action was taken so far.
4. Doct.No:5114/2020, 5115/2020 of R.O, Nellore: The Deputy Inspector General, Nellore has stated that the Commercial Tax Department has put some part of the land under prohibition.
5. There is no response even that of verification of facts was not visible on the part of the Officials at District Level. This eventually led to the unwanted outcome that the District Registrar, Nellore and Deputy Inspector General were taken for granted by the subordinates and doing violations at will, resulting in huge loss to the State and Public.

Further, enquiry on the issues by Additional Inspector General (R&S) on 09.09.2021, the following omissions are reported.

1. The Deputy Inspector General of R&S/District Registrar admitted that one document of land covered under prohibited property has been registered by the Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore and remaining alleged documents are registered as per the information available on record.
2. They are admitted that the Survey Number alleged to be registered government land are not covered under prohibited list supplied by the revenue department. But on further examination by the officer from Head of the Department on detail probe with revenue records.
3. 39 documents of government lands were registered which are prohibited from registration.
4. Neither the preliminary enquiry officer (District Registrar, Nellore) nor the disciplinary authority (Deputy Inspector General of R&S, Nellore) has observed the above facts due to which government land become alienated.
5. DIG Nellore being the reviewing authority has simply forwarded the report of P.E. officer without verification of the above omission.
6. DIG Nellore omitted to observe the above during enquiry.

Therefore, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Nellore Sri K.Abraham, is responsible for submission of preliminary enquiry officer report without scrutiny and verification may be inflicted with suitable punishment.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.ABRAHAM, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF REGISTRATION AND STAMPS, NELLORE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Paper clipping on 12.07.2021 in Sakshi News paper.
2. Detailed report submitted by the Joint IG- I of this office on 24.08.2021.
3. Letter No.X/744/2021, dated:6.9.2021 of the DIG, R&S, Nellore addressed to the C&IG, A.P., Vijayawada.
4. Deposition of District Registrar, Gudur, dated.08.09.2021.
5. Deposition of DIG, Nellore, dated.09.09.2021.
6. Observation of Additional Inspector General of R&S, O/o C&IG of R&S, AP., Vijayawada, dated.09.09.2021.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.ABRAHAM, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF REGISTRATION AND STAMPS, NELLORE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-Nil-

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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